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In re US National Phase Patent Application of :
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International Application No.: PCT/CA99/00598 : Box PCT
International Application Date: June 30, 1999 :
For: CO-OPERATIVE ADVANCE :
WARNING SYSTEM FOR ROAD :
HAZARDS :
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The Honorable Assistant Commissioner
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to acceptance and examination of the subject case, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3, line 1, change "claims" to -claim- and delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 1, change "claims" to -claim- and delete "or 2".

Claim 5, line 1, change "claims" to -claim- and delete "2, 3, or 4".

Claim 6, line 1, change "claims" to -claim- and delete ", 2, 3, 4, or 5".

Claim 7, line 1, change "claims" to -claim- and delete ", 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6".

Claim 10, line 1, change "claims" to -claim- and delete "and 9".

Claim 11, line 1, change "claims" to -claim- and delete ", 9 or 10".

Claim 13, line 1, change "claims" to -claim- and delete "or 12".

Claim 14, line 1, change "claims" to -claim- and delete "or 13".

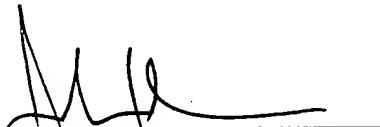
Claim 17, line 1, change "claims" to -claim- and delete "or 16".

REMARKS

The above amendments have been made to eliminate multiple dependent claims and to present the application in condition for filing and examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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